



AmeriCorps Green School Coordinator

Overview: EcoWorks is a Detroit non-profit that has worked at the intersection of social justice and sustainability since 1981. We seek enthusiastic, self-directed, dependable individuals to work with students, teachers, school administrators, parents and staff to create more sustainable schools and build leadership among students. The position averages 41 hours per week, September 13th, 2021 – August 12th, 2022.

Youth Energy Squad: As a program of EcoWorks we empower youth to make their communities more sustainable and become leaders in Michigan's green economy. From 2012-2020, the YES team facilitated the participation of 60 Detroit Public Schools Community District in the DPSCD Go Green Challenge - completing over 2,000 projects and saving their schools over \$1.9 million in electricity and gas costs. Students play a critical role in this work by leading energy-saving school patrols and home visits, creating recycling campaigns, improving school gardens, and other projects. YES students regularly present their work at conferences and have even traveled to Paris for the COP21 Climate Summit, led sustainability dialogues between Detroit and Washington D.C., met with President Obama to advocate for youth green jobs and won the prestigious Governor's Service Award. Learn more at www.ecoworksdetroit.org and www.youthenergysquad.org.

Position Detail: The primary role of an AmeriCorps Green School Coordinator is to inspire and equip K-12 students, teachers, school administrators, parents and staff to make their homes, schools and communities more sustainable. In partnership with schools in Southeast Michigan, including Detroit Public Schools Community District, you will help form and lead school green teams. With your support and guidance, green teams will assess their schools, set goals, and carry out greening projects that foster health, student learning, and community engagement while reducing environmental impacts and utility costs. This position will report to and be supervised by the YES Program Co-Directors, Latia Leonard & Michal Helman.

Responsibilities:

- Recruit and convene groups of students, school staff, and faculty to serve as a schools' green teams in elementary, middle, and high schools
- Support teachers and administrators to incorporate Detroit-specific sustainability lessons into their curriculum
- Support Green Team students in carrying out projects to make their homes and communities more sustainable, focusing on environmental justice issues such as climate change mitigation and resilience, energy and water security and food sovereignty
- Facilitate opportunities for parents to participate in home energy conservation and other sustainability initiatives
- Contribute to program development and administration through communications, event planning, leadership programming, lesson development, energy analysis, etc.
- Serve as a role model and mentor students for success in college and future careers
- Maintain safe, justice-minded, productive, and enjoyable work environment

Desired Qualifications:

- Experience working with youth (e.g. tutor, coach, teacher, camp counselor)
- Bachelor's degree in related fields (environment, education, social science, etc.)
- Knowledge of energy, sustainability, and/or social justice issues
- Able to facilitate engaging activities, lead discussions, and manage group dynamics
- Self-directed and able to remain organized while moving multiple projects forward
- Excellent communication skills
- Strong leadership and decision-making skills
- Ability to work well with a team from diverse backgrounds and dedication to creating a positive and supportive work environment
- Comfort working in urban, low-income communities
- Computer proficiency and ability to work with MS Office and Google Apps
- Flexibility in a changing work environment; ability to work virtually when necessary
- Skills in graphic design, communications, technical analysis, curriculum development, and other areas that support program implementation are valued
- Spanish language skills are a plus
- All applicants must be at least 21 years old, a US Citizen and pass required criminal background checks
- Personal transportation or a valid driver's license are strongly preferred (mileage for program related travel is reimbursed)

Terms: AmeriCorps is a national service program that partners 75,000 people annually with non-profits (such as EcoWorks) to protect the environment, educate youth, and build communities. As an AmeriCorps member with EcoWorks you will serve a minimum of 1,700 hours from September 13th, 2021 – August 12th, 2022. The position includes a living stipend of \$18,375 distributed in bi-weekly disbursements of \$750; upon successful completion of service, an education award of \$6,195.00 for future expenses or loan repayment; forbearance of educational loan repayments; eligibility for health insurance; and mileage reimbursement for program travel. Extensive training will be provided and prospective members do not need extensive prior experience in energy efficiency or sustainability. The typical program schedule is Monday through Thursday, 8:30 – 5:00, Friday 8:30 – 3:30, and occasional Saturdays. Holidays such as winter break, spring break and limited time off are built into the program schedule.

Benefits: This AmeriCorps term of service is a commitment that demands initiative, flexibility, and determination to help YES succeed. In turn, you can expect a deeply rewarding experience in which you transform the lives of youth and develop the skills to be a stronger leader in future endeavors.

Key benefits include:

- Education Award upon successful completion of service term
- Health, Life and Disability Insurance
- Child Care Assistance
- Federal Loan Forbearance
- Access to program vehicles, computers and other necessary supplies
- Accessible accommodations
- Serving alongside a diverse group of passionate, talented leaders

Professional development for members is a strong tenet of the YES program and is delivered on a regular basis throughout the term of service. Additionally, through partnerships with a variety of local organizations, you will have ample opportunity to grow a personal network of professionals dedicated to social justice and the environment. Whether you are a recent college graduate, a retiree, or looking for a career change, we invite you to apply for the position.

How to Apply: Please submit a cover letter, resume, and 2-3 references to Latia Leonard, recruiting@youthenergysquad.org with AMERICORPS APPLICATION in the subject line. Applications will be accepted until August 28th, 2021. Positions will be filled as soon as qualified applicants are selected.

EcoWorks is an Equal Opportunity Employer and welcomes a diverse pool of applicants to apply. We oppose all forms of discrimination, including but not limited to age, race, ethnicity, class, gender, sexual orientation, religious belief or practice, physical appearance, or disability.

AmeriCorps Member Signature

Date